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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A multifunctional support for a motor vehicle having a vehicle longitudinal axis, the multifunctional support comprising:

 a retaining section configured to fasten the multifunctional support onto an assembly support of a motor vehicle door;

 an elongated window guide connected to the retaining section for guiding a window pane; and

 fastening points for fastening a door lock~~functional element~~ on the multifunctional support;

 wherein the retaining section is connected to the window guide along a longitudinally extended subsection ~~of the multifunctional support~~, the longitudinally extended subsection having two terminal zones and an extension direction between the two terminal zones;

 wherein the retaining section in one terminal zone of the longitudinally extended subsection is connected substantially rigidly to the window guide and the retaining section in the other terminal zone of the longitudinally extended subsection is connected flexibly to the window guide[[.]]; and

wherein the flexible connection in the other terminal zone of the subsection comprises at least one deformable region, the deformable region being deformable along the vehicle longitudinal axis and thus enabling a longitudinal displacement of the retaining section relative to the window guide along the vehicle longitudinal axis and perpendicular to the extension direction of the subsection between the two terminal zones of the subsection.

2. (Currently Amended) The multifunctional support according to claim 1 ~~wherein on the multifunctional support there is comprising~~ at least one fastening point for the ~~functional element~~

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~~of the motor vehicle door, door lock~~ in the vicinity of the other terminal zone of the longitudinally extended subsection ~~of the multifunctional support~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The multifunctional support according to claim 1, wherein a recess is provided ~~in the multifunctional support~~ along the extension direction of the subsection between the two terminal zones of the subsection.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The multifunctional support according to claim [[4]]1, wherein the deformable region is formed on at least one of the retaining section and the window guide.

6. (Currently Amended) The multifunctional support according to claim [[4]]1, wherein the deformable region is integrated in one piece ~~in the multifunctional support~~with the retaining section.

7. (Previously Presented) The multifunctional support according to claim 1, wherein the retaining section and the window guide are formed in one piece with each other ~~and the multifunctional support is formed in one piece overall~~.

8. (Previously Presented) The multifunctional support according to claim 1, wherein the retaining section and the window guide ~~as well as the multifunctional support as a whole~~ are made of plastic.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

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11. (Currently Amended) The multifunctional support according to claim [[9]]1, wherein the retaining section is movable relative to the window guide ~~in relation to the installed state of the multifunctional support in a motor vehicle door in an installed state along at least one of [[a]] the~~ vehicle longitudinal axis and a horizontal vehicle transverse axis.
12. (Currently Amended) The multifunctional support according to claim [[4]]1, wherein two fastening points are provided, one on each side of the deformable region.
13. (Previously Presented) The multifunctional support according to claim 12, wherein one one of the fastening points for the functional element door lock is provided on the retaining section and the other one of the fastenings point is provided on the window guide.
14. (Currently Amended) The multifunctional support according to claim 1, wherein ~~one~~ ~~the~~ first fastening point for the door lock functional element provides a play connection so that the door lock functional element has restricted movement relative to this fastening point and ~~another~~ second fastening point for the door lock functional element provides a rigid connection.
15. (Previously Presented) The multifunctional support according to claim 14, wherein the ~~one~~ ~~the~~ first fastening point for the functional element door lock has a sliding guide so that the functional element door lock is displaceable relative to this fastening point and ~~has~~ has a detent element which forms a stop.
16. (Previously Presented) The multifunctional support according to claim 14, wherein the two fastening points are arranged on ~~regions of the multifunctional support which deform~~ differently.

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17. (Previously Presented) The multifunctional support according to claim [[3]]14, wherein a recess is provided along the extension direction of the subsection between the two terminal zones of the subsection, and wherein the ~~one~~first fastening point projects over the recess ~~of the multifunctional support~~.

18. (Previously Presented) The multifunctional support according to claim 1, wherein the window guide has two fastening locations, spaced out from each other along the extension direction of the subsection for fastening on a door body, wherein the fastening locations lie, respectively, in opposite end regions of the elongated window guide.

19. (Currently Amended) The multifunctional support according to claim 18, wherein a fastening point for fastening [[a]] ~~the door lock on the multifunctional support~~ is mounted between the two fastening locations for fastening the window guide on the door body.

20. (Previously Presented) The multifunctional support according to claim 19, wherein the fastening point for the door lock placed between the two fastening locations for the window guide comprises a flat contact surface ~~contaet~~ against the door lock so that forces ~~acting on the multifunctional support is are~~ transferable to the door body through the combination of the window guide and the door lock.

21. (Previously Presented) The multifunctional support according to claim 1, wherein fastening points are provided ~~on the multifunctional support~~ for a security cover for covering regions of a door lock.

22. (Previously Presented) The multifunctional support according to claim 1, wherein a bearing section is formed ~~on the multifunctional support~~ for a holder of an outside handle of a door outside handle holder.

23. (Previously Presented) The multifunctional support according to claim 22, wherein fastening points for the holder of an outside handle of the door ~~outside handle holder~~ are flexibly linked to the bearing section.

24. (Previously Presented) The multifunctional support according to claim 1, ~~wherein comprising~~ at least one holder for an electric cable ~~is formed on the multifunctional support~~.

25. (Previously Presented) The multifunctional support according to claim 1, further comprising a guide that is arranged for introducing a window pane into a guide channel of the window guide.

26. (Previously Presented) The multifunctional support according to claim 25, wherein the guide channel has a sliding guide ~~whose one having a free end~~ [[is]] held widened out by the guide.

27. (Canceled)

28. (New) A multifunctional support for a motor vehicle comprising:
a retaining section to fasten to an assembly support of a motor vehicle door;
an elongated window guide connected to the retaining section for guiding a window pane; and
fastening points for fastening a door lock;
wherein the retaining section is connected to the window guide along a longitudinally extended subsection, the longitudinally extended subsection having two terminal zones;
wherein the retaining section in one terminal zone of the longitudinally extended subsection is connected substantially rigidly to the window guide and the retaining section in the

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other terminal zone of the longitudinally extended subsection is connected flexibly to the window guide;

wherein the flexible connection in the other terminal zone of the subsection comprises at least one deformable region;

wherein two fastening points are provided for the door lock, one on each side of the deformable region so that the deformable region is located between the two fastening points;

wherein one fastening point for the door lock is provided on the retaining section and one fastening point is provided on the window guide; and

wherein one fastening point for the door lock has a sliding guide so that the door lock is displaceable relative to this fastening point.